

NSC BRIEFING

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**BACKGROUND
23 DEC MEETING OF SUPREME SOVIET**

- I. Supreme Soviet will convene on 23 Dec-- second occasion in history there have been three meetings in same year (last time was '39, when first session routine, second dealt with Nazi-Soviet Pact, third concerned dismemberment Poland).
- A. Already announced that 23 Dec session will deal with '56 budget.
- B. In addition, we expect travelling salesmen (Bulganin & Khrushchev) to report on South Asia trek: in this connection, may announce Soviet economic program for underdeveloped areas.
- C. Also possible that leadership changes could be announced. However, if any Presidium members are in trouble (maybe Molotov?), matter would more logically be delayed until mid-Feb '56 Party Congress.